

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to the field of immunology, and more particularly to the regulation of antibody idiotypes. Provided are compositions and methods for determining and quantitating immunoglobulin germline transcript expression. As disclosed herein, these methods can be used to screen a plurality of candidate agents to identify a candidate agent capable of modulating an immunoglobulin germline transcript. Further, these methods can be used to identify a candidate agent having different modulatory effects on distinct immunoglobulin germline transcripts.